MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Am I to understand then that no definite steps have been taken as yet for the purpose?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question of selecting a site is under correspondence. When that is settled, Government can take definite steps.

Mr. Raman Menon, Sheristadar, Division Cutcherry, Trivandrum.

258. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. Raman Menon, the present Sheristadar, Division Cutcherry, Trivandrum, is drawing his maximum salary of Rs. 125;

(*b*) his qualifications, general and departmental;

(*c*) his total service;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that he has put in longer service and draws a higher permanent salary than many of the Stationary Magistrates now acting as Tahsildars; and

(*e*) whether he has memorialised the Government stating his claims for promotion, and, if so, what they have done regarding the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) B. A., B. L., Revenue, Account and Survey Tests.

(*c*) He has a total service of 22 years, 2 months and 8 days on 11-12-1107.

(*d*) The member is referred to the *Civil List*.

(*e*) The answer to the first part is in the affirmative. Government recently appointed him as an acting Stationary Magistrate, but he declined to accept the place.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Answer to part (*d*) refers me to the *Civil list*. It is seen therefrom that most of the acting Magistrates are juniors to this gentleman in point of service and pay. May I know why this gentleman has been appointed, to *act* as Magistrate only now, while his juniors have been confirmed as Magistrates long ago?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was a record against him to say that he was short of hearing.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) Are the Government now prepared to revise that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are prepared. But the gentleman himself is rather reluctant to undertake the duties of a Magistrate because of his deafness.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): If there was a record sometime back, may I know why the same record has not stood in the way of his appointment now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is because I personally had a talk with him, and I found that he could hear sufficiently well; and hence the appointment.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the present appointment was made in view of the fact that he was decidedly junior to others who have already been appointed, or, if not,

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whether Government had considered the question of giving him his due rank in the Magistrates' cadre.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He himself does not want a Magistrate's place.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know from the member whether he has declined to accept the post in writing ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I think he wrote to the District Magistrate, who wrote to Government. He would rather not have a Magistrate's post.

MR. N. K KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): So, am I to understand from the member that Government have no definite information on the subject ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It has been decided by somebody.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I inform the member that what he wrote to Government was that he should be given his due rank in the Magistrates' cadre, What I now understand from the Chief Secretary is that he would rather not have a Magistrate's post at all. Has he not been applying for a Magistrate's place from 1100 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I do not know.

MR. N. K KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner has recommended the appointment of Mr. Raman Menon as a Tahsildar ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

Retrenchment of expenditure in the Co-operative Department.

259. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the nature of the retrenchments effected in the Co-operative Department and the amount of money saved in that department ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No retrenchment was effected in the Co-operative Department, except a reduction of 20 per cent. in the P. T. A. of the Inspectors. There are 27 Inspectors, each Inspector's P. T. A. being Rs. 30 per mensem. The annual saving effected is Rs. 1,944.

Sinking of wells at Munambam.

260. **MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are in receipt of memorials from the people of Munambam praying for the sinking of a few wells for the supply of pure drinking water ;

(*b*) the action taken on the same ; and

(*c*) whether the Sanitary Commissioner has reported on the necessity of sinking wells for the supply of pure drinking water at Munambam ?

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